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**To:** Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Please see attached letter.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It is my belief that the Microsoft Antitrust case should never have been brought to court. Microsoft's innovations and marketing techniques have allowed this company to climb to the top of its industry and the success that Microsoft has accomplished is well deserved. We would not have seen the tremendous growth of the Internet and the great numbers of home computers without the innovations and uniformity of the Windows platforms.

For the past three years, litigation has stunted Microsoft's business potential a great deal and to carry this case on further would be a highly unnecessary course of action. Litigating Microsoft does not come at an easy cost as this case has been very time-consuming and cost a great deal of money. In some very key issues, I believe it has caused more harm than good as would anyone who is familiar with computing prior to the great growth of Microsoft.

The Department of Justice and Microsoft have disputed this case for over three years now with the intent to appease all of the parties involved. Microsoft has agreed to several terms beyond the scope of this case in order to continue new product development, which shows Microsoft's willingness to compromise. Some specific terms range anywhere from allowing computer makers to promote the competition within the Windows configuration to supplying the competition with necessary interfaces and protocols that will enable software compatibility.

These agreements have come as a result of heavy dispute and much compromise and will serve the best interest of all involved. Thank you for consideration for the public good.

Sincerely,

Susan Wilson

cc: Representative Ric Keller

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